MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): As I said, Sir, the Italian Engineer was consulted in regard to a particular problem, while Major Howard was called in to report about certain technical aspects of the scheme generally.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Did the Government think that one of them was not competent to deal with both the questions?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): After consulting the Italian Engineer, Government consulted Major Howard also.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): May I know whether it was as a result of this advice that they thought that the work will be finished this year?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I do not know whether the completion of the work has much to do with the advice tendered by them.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know how long it will take to complete the scheme?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It will be completed in 8 to 10 months if all goes well.

Expenditure on the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme.

74. ❋ **MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): With reference to the answer to question No. 240 answered at the last session (on 7th August 1936), will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the causes of the slip and the nature of the protective work carried on;

(*b*) whether the investigation referred to therein is over;

(*c*) whether the estimate referred to therein has been prepared; and

(*d*) if so, what is the additional expenditure that has been incurred?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The causes of the slip are still under investigation. The necessary protective works will be carried out as soon as the investigation is completed.

(*b*) to (*d*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) these questions do not arise.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether the slip has affected the Power House?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The slip is two hundred feet away from the Power House.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know how long the investigation of the causes of the slip has been going on?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Governmen.*): For about three or four months now.

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MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether the Electrical Department itself is carrying on the investigation or any other department is doing it?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Civil Engineering Department is, I believe, carrying on the investigation.

Acting Graduate Teachers.

75. * MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of acting graduate men teachers in the Gazetted staff of the Education Department who entered service as early as 1101 M. E. and who have put in six or more years of service before 31-10-1111;

(*b*) the number of vacancies that occurred in the said cadre in the Department from 1101 to the close of 1110;

(*c*) how many of these vacancies have been filled;

(*d*) whether preference was given to acting men;

(*e*) if so, how many of them were confirmed; and

(*f*) whether fresh hands were entertained in service overlooking the claims of these acting men?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) 14.

(*b*) 93.

(*c*) 64.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) 45.

(*f*) Yes.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*), may I know why these 14 teachers were not confirmed while there were 93 vacancies?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Acting teachers were confirmed, in accordance with their rank in the seniority list.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*): I understand from the answer to part (*a*) that there are 14 acting teachers at present. I should like to know why they were not confirmed.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Because there were no more permanent vacancies at the time when the others were confirmed.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*): My question is whether the Government will be pleased to state the number of acting graduate teachers who had put in more than six years' service?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): That question has already been answered. A good number of teachers are now acting for various reasons. In the first place there was some uncertainty about the seniority list. The Education Reforms Committee had recommended the abolition of the list. Government were in two minds about that question, whether they should abolish the list or modify it. Subsequently the Standardisation Scheme came in.

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